

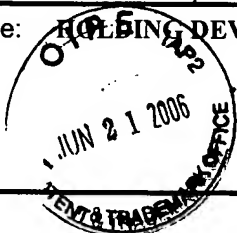
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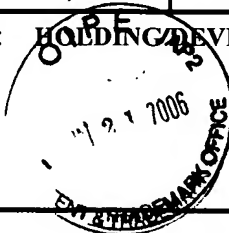
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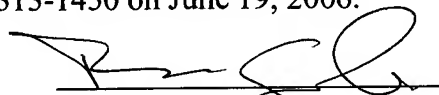
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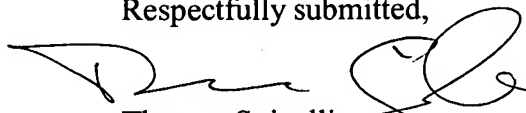
  
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3. United States Patent No. 5,806,822, issued to Schulz, dated September 15, 1998;
3. United States Patent No. 6,077,074, issued to Homra, dated June 20, 2000;
4. United States Patent No. 6,352,503 B1, issued to Matsui et al., dated March 5, 2002; and
5. United States Patent No. 5,415,287, issued to Hamano et al., dated May 16, 1995.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated April 20, 2006 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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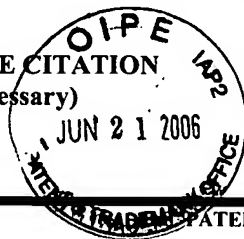


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**PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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